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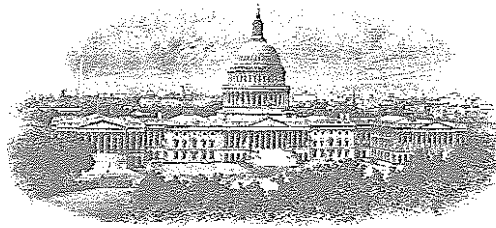
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Honorable Kevin Martin  
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission  
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**RE: WT Docket No. 07-16**

M2Z Network, Inc.'s Application for License Authority to Provide a National Broadband  
Radio Service in the 2155 – 2175 MHz Band

Dear Chairman Martin,

I write to thank you for your leadership in encouraging innovation and competition into the wireless broadband marketplace. I understand that recently the Federal Communications Commission released a Public Notice in regards to M2Z Network, Inc., a Silicon Valley-based company, and their application for license and authority to provide a free, nationwide broadband service. I believe that the M2Z Networks proposal would help bridge the digital divide in the Latino community and other minority communities. It is certainly in the public interest to offer a free wireless, broadband service to the 114 million adults in the United States who are completely unconnected to the Internet or using a slow dial-up connection.

As the first Latina to serve on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and a Member of the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, I believe that we must ensure constituents of the 32<sup>nd</sup> congressional district of California have access to every opportunity to advance and be competitive in the new digital age in which we live. Moreover, the value of high-speed data services and their impact on the relevance to Latinos and all Americans' social, educational and economic well-being are critical issues.

A 2005 report by the Tomas Rivera Institute lists several factors that should be addressed to expand broadband deployment in the Latino community: lower prices, applications geared towards Latino youth and businesses, greater accessibility, more culturally relevant and language appropriate online content, training and e-literacy programs to increase the value of computers and the Internet for Latinos not yet online.

These factors are emphasized by the goals set by the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress' "New Direction for America" Innovation Agenda that seeks to close the digital divide and ensure nationwide broadband deployment. We are doing our part and believe that approving the M2Z Networks license and getting them quickly into the broadband marketplace will underscore our efforts.

I look forward to taking an active role on telecommunications policy by working to eliminate the digital divide and supporting initiatives, like M2Z Networks, that offer competition, innovation, and help facilitate nationwide broadband deployment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hilda L. Solis", written in a cursive style.

HILDA L. SOLIS  
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